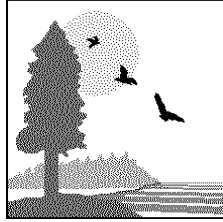


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Dear Shipping Agent:

On October 6, 2005, the Governor signed into law the California Clean Coast Act (the Act), Health and Safety Code §39630 – 39632 and Public Resources Code §72400 - 72441 which becomes effective January 1, 2006. The Act expands, to include all oceangoing ships, the existing statewide program regulating onboard incineration and the release of graywater, sewage, sewage sludge, oily bilgewater, hazardous wastes or other waste from large passenger vessels (See Attachment A for complete text of the Law, Attachment B for Summary of the Law).

The primary state agency responsible under the Act is the State Water Resources Control Board. However, the Act does require the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) to collect information related to ports of call and sewage, sewage sludge and graywater management practices for all vessels that operate in California waters during 2006. The Commission is asking for your assistance in notifying vessel owners and operators of the changes in this new law. The following is a summary of the law as it relates to the Commission's responsibilities.

The Act requires that **oceangoing ships**, defined as a private, commercial, government, or military vessel of 300 gross registered tons or more calling on California ports or places during 2006 to:

Submit information on their vessel-specific wastewater management capabilities, port call information, and crew requirements upon the vessel's departure from its first port call in California in **2006**. This information shall be submitted only once using the form developed by the CSLC (Attachment C). The master, owner, operator, person in charge, or responsible officer attesting to the accuracy of the information should sign the form. A copy of the form should be maintained onboard the vessel. Forward completed forms to:

California State Lands Commission
Marine Facilities Division
200 Oceangate, Suite 900
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Additionally, in October 2003 California's Marine Invasive Species Act, Public Resources Code Sections 71200 through 71215 was reauthorized and expanded. The law requires CSLC to evaluate the risk of invasions from other ship-mediated sources (i.e., hull fouling). As part of that mandate, the CSLC is currently sponsoring research on fouling of commercial vessels that visit the state. Vessel-specific information would greatly enhance the data gathered through these biological studies. I ask that you request vessel operators to complete the voluntary 4-question Hull Husbandry Survey Form in Attachment D.

Because agents are one of the primary conduits of information for vessel operators entering California ports or places, your assistance in providing notice to them is greatly appreciated. With your help, we expect the implementation of the Act and collection of important vessel-specific information will proceed smoothly. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

If you have any questions regarding Survey Form submittal, please contact me at the number listed above or refer to the Commission's web page at <http://www.slc.ca.gov> for more information.

Sincerely,

Maurya B. Falkner
Marine Invasive Species Program Manager
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Encl: Attachment A - Clean Coast Act of 2005
Attachment B - Summary of Clean Coast Act
Attachment C - Informational Survey Form for 2006
Attachment D - Hull Husbandry Survey Form for 2006

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